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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
- a workstation communicatively coupled to a network; and
- a managed appliance communicatively coupled to the network;

wherein the workstation operatively initiates a management session with the managed appliance by establishing a secure sockets layer connection on a predefined

Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) port number with the managed appliance and then issuing a login request to the managed appliance, and

wherein the <u>a</u> transmission of <u>Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)</u> commands occurs over the secure sockets layer connection by using a secure sockets layer communication <u>protocol method</u>.

- 2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the login request is a message that includes a user name and a password corresponding to a workstation user.
- 3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the managed appliance responds to the login request by transmitting a login reply across the network.

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- 4. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein the login reply is a message that includes status data reflecting the status of the login request.
- 5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein, during the management session, the workstation requests object identifier data from the managed appliance.
- 6. (Original) The system of claim 5, wherein the managed appliance transmits object identifier data to the workstation.
- 7. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein, during the management session, the workstation sets the value of an object identifier in the managed appliance.
- 8. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein, during the management session, the workstation writes a file to the managed appliance.
- 9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the workstation transmits a request message to the managed appliance containing a name of the file and a size of the file.

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- 10. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the managed appliance transmits a reply message to the workstation in response to the request message.
- 11. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein, during the management session, the workstation reads a file from the managed appliance.
- 12. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein workstation transmits to the managed appliance an identification of a name of the file to be read.
- 13. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the managed appliance transmits blocks of data comprising the file to the workstation, said blocks of data being transmitted one at a time.
- 14. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the workstation transmits a broadcast message to the managed appliance.